

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, originally numbering only a few families, the Jewish community in Spartanburg increased sufficiently in 1905 to support regular services and religious training of children; and

WHEREAS, continued growth led to a successful fund-raising effort for Temple B'Nai Israel, with the cornerstone for Spartanburg's first synagogue, including classroom facilities, laid in 1917; and

WHEREAS, B'Nai Israel has become an enduring presence in the community, expanding the physical facilities to promote the ever-growing spiritual needs and outreach efforts of its members; and

WHEREAS, Temple B'Nai Israel and its congregation are commemorating 100 years of spiritual worship, education, fellowship and faith.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 29, 2005, as

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL 100TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the many contributions and rich history of the synagogue and its congregation.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA